is being kept, the instant case was detected due to vigilance.

(e) and (f) Steps taken by the Government to protect the rare birds include:

1. Hunting of Scheduled wild birds has been banned by law.
2. Central assistance is provided to State/UT Govts. for strengthening anti-poaching infrastructure.
3. Raids are carried out by the Wildlife Authorities whenever information of illegal trading in wild animals reaches them.
4. International trade in endangered species of animals/birds and articles made thereof is regulated under the provisions of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). India is a Party to the Convention.
5. Regional and sub-regional offices of Wildlife preservation are set up mostly at the main export centres of the country to prevent smuggling of wildlife products.
6. Cooperation of Police, Customs, BSF, etc., is also taken in apprehending the poachers and illegal traders.
7. In the seizure case of 6.4.1994, one person was arrested and was produced before the Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Delhi under section 50(4) of the Wild Life (Proteciton) Act, 1972. The accused was first remanded to judicial custody and subsequently released on bail. The case is in Court of Law.
8. There is a scheme for payment of reward to the informers, which among other things, helps in getting intelligence regarding smuggling of wildlife products.
9. A network of birds Sanctuaries have been set up in the country to conserve the wild birds and their habitat. Central Assistance is provided to State Governments for their development.

Environmental clearance of power projects to Karnataka

2858. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) What are the power projects both mini hydel, hydel and thermal, pending for environment clearance with Ministry of Environment and Forests with names of such projects;

(b) whether Government would consider to clear these projects early keeping in view of the acute shortage of the power in Karnataka; and

(c) whether any information is pending from Government of Karnataka for giving clearance or whether any conditions are to be fulfilled before giving the clearance.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Sarapadi Hydel project and the Raichur Thermal power project (5th and 6th Units) relating to the State of Karnataka are pending environmental clearance.

(b) and (c) A final decision on the clearance of the project proposals will be taken within a stipulated time period from the date of receipt of the requisite information which has been sought from the project authorities.

पर्यावरण प्रभाव से संबंधित अधिसूचनाओं में संशोधन

2859. **श्री सोमपाल:**
श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:
श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:

क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 3 जुलाई, 1994 के "इंडियन एक्सप्रेस" में छपे उस समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव से संबंधित अधिसूचनाओं के कुछ महत्वपूर्ण उपबंधों में उद्योगपतियों